

Banana

Best Advisory Note About News and Affairs

Hey boys and girls!

Hope you all had a great term at school (but who's kidding, holidays are the best).

So it's time for Easter. That can only mean one thing: chocolate. Lots of chocolate. Yum!

But Easter is about a lot more than just chocolate, yes, I know it's hard to believe! Easter is the time when Jesus died on the cross because he loves us. But it doesn't end there; he came back to life three days later, so we can be his friend today.

The McCrae Banana has lots of fun things you can do. Have a look around, see if you can memorise the memory verse, and be sure to enter the bananastastic **colouring competition**.

You guys are all super stars and we hope to see you all again next year, down at McCrae. From all of us at *The Banana*, we hope you have a fantastic Easter and enjoy the rest of the year!

Word search: Try this fun Easter word search. It's a bit tricky because you have to answer the questions to get the words that you have to look for. You might need to ask your mum or dad for help. Words can be written horizontally, vertically and diagonally but *not backwards*. (Answers are on the back)

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- 1: Jesus is the mighty mighty _____
- 2: Brown stuff that is very yummy
- 3: Chickens lay these
- 4: This person died on the cross for us
- 5: Jesus was nailed to the _____
- 6: Jesus is the son of _____
- 7: Sometimes Jesus is called _____
- 8: The day Jesus died
- 9: The day Jesus came back to life
- 10: A person who found Jesus alive
- 11: A place where Jesus was buried
- 12: Jesus was _____ after three days
- 13: The _____ are messengers of God
- 14: Why Jesus died on the cross for us
- 15: Jesus is our _____

Memory verse: John, 3:16-

“For **God** so *loved* the world he *gave* his only son so that all who *believe* in him shall not **perish** but have **eternal life**.”

Word Search Answers:

1. King, 2. Chocolate, 3. Eggs, 4. Jesus, 5. Cross
6. God, 7. Christ, 8. Good Friday, 9. Sunday, 10. Mary
11. Tomb, 12. Alive, 13. Angels, 14. Love, 15. Friend

DID YOU KNOW?

The first bicycle was made in 1817, and didn't have any pedals

The Story of Easter:

On Friday, Jesus was brought before the Roman governor for trial. The priests were accusing Jesus of lying. They insisted that Jesus be crucified.

On a hill called Calvary, there were three crosses. On two of them were criminals and Jesus was put on the cross in the centre with nails through His hands and feet. A group of Jews close by said to Jesus, "If you are truly the Son of God, then come down from the cross". Then they went away saying, "He saved others but He cannot save Himself". Shortly after, the sky was filled with clouds and it became dark. Then Jesus died. The spirit of Jesus left His body and went up to the heavens. The body of Jesus was carried into a tomb to be buried. The Roman governor ordered that the tomb of Jesus be guarded by soldiers. Jesus' apostles were very sad and miserable, for their beloved teacher and master was no longer with them.

On Sunday, Jesus' mother Mary and Mary Magdalen went to the tomb of Jesus. To their surprise, the soldiers were not there. They were even more surprised and afraid because the tomb was opened and the body of Jesus had disappeared. They saw two angels inside. "Why are you crying?" the angels asked them. "Because they have taken away my Lord" Mary answered. And then another voice behind her said to her, "Mary, why do you cry?"

She turned around and realized that it was Jesus standing behind her. She could not believe her eyes. She went and told the apostles, "I have seen Jesus!" The apostles could not believe it either. The great news was too good to be true. As the apostles were gathered together speaking, Jesus appeared among them. As soon as they saw Him, the apostles knew that it was Jesus Himself, their beloved teacher. This was the happiest moment of their life!

Have You Heard?

There might be a Serial Drama Movie coming up soon. Exciting, I know! All that serial drama fun, in a movie you can watch over and over and over and over and over and over and over again. And then again. And maybe one more time. Details to be included in the next edition of *the Banana!*

A NOTE FROM KATRINA:

Just the other day, I felt God tell me to write a letter encouraging someone who has been very important to me. So I pulled out my letter writing box and sat down to write. It took me a while to write because I didn't exactly know what to write but I got it finished and gave it to my friend. It is sometimes hard to encourage people. I found it hard to write to my friend- I was worried that he would think I was really silly! But he didn't think that at all- he was actually glad.

We all like to be encouraged by people we know. Perhaps you could go tell your mum or dad, your brother or sister, maybe your grandparents or a friend what you like best about them. The bible says we should encourage each other every day! It says that in Hebrews chapter 3, verse 13.

I've decided to try and encourage someone every day- I wonder who I might encourage today?